Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—What are those other reasons ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Very many, and I do not want to take the valuable time of the House to explain the details. If the Hon'ble Member wants, I have no objection to state them.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Shall I take it that the inefficiency of the department is also one of the reasons ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—That is a matter of opinion.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—The last answer given is 'soon after the estimate is sanctioned' to the question 'when the restoration work will be started'. Nearly Eight years have elapsed before this estimate is sanctioned. For how many more years they will have to wait ?

Sri H. M. GHANNABASAPPA.—I do not think there is any need for you to wait any longer.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—That is not a definite answer. It is rather a serious affair—estimate pending before the Government for nearly Eight years ! And even now the answer is vague—'soon after it is sanctioned'. Till doomsday it can go on like this, getting the estimate, recasting, and so on.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is incorrect information. The estimate came to Governmental level only on 20th September 1955 and so it may have been pending at various places or in various stages and therefore it is an incorrect statement of fact to say that the estimate has been pending with the Government for a long time. But, anyway, I do concede that a long time has been taken and action will be taken to see that it is finalised at a very early date.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—Can the Government absolve itself of the responsibility if an estimate gets itself stuck up in the department and we are made to wait for a number of years and the Government were to come now and say that it came up before them only sometime ago ? Is that the kind of answer to be given ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Any how the last sentence is satisfactory.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I would like to submit that if for very good reasons we would have to wait, we have to wait.

Breached Tanks in V.C. Area (Effects of Restoration)

Q.—180. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the opinion of the Health Standing Committee was obtained before the Government took decision to restore all the breached tanks in V. C. area ;

(*b*) whether this decision helps the prevention of Malaria in V.C. area ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) The decision is to the effect that the restoration of breached tanks in the Visvesvaraya Canal Area may be tried in one of the valleys. The question as put does not therefore arise.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*a*).

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Which is the valley area where the Government have taken a decision to restore all the breached tanks ?

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government have not prescribed any particular valley. But anyway the Government have said that this may be tried in one or two valleys as an experimental measure. That depends upon which valley the department recommends.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Shall I take it that the Government have not selected yet any one valley ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government have not indicated any particular valley in which it has got to be taken. We have left it to the discretion of the officer concerned.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know whether the Chief Engineer has proposed any one of the valleys ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—So far as I know there is only one tank, the restoration of which has come up for sanction and I believe it is sanctioned.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know whether the Government have taken the opinion of the Health Standing Committee of the Department of Public Health in respect of restoration and then taken a decision to restore that tank ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Government have ordered that in any one of the valleys, as an experimental measure, some tanks may be restored. They have stated that it is within the discretion of the Chief Engineer to recommend the restoration of such tanks as he deems fit to be restored. Your question is whether they have obtained the approval of the Standing Committee. But this committee was not in existence at the time the Government passed their orders.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know when the Health Standing Committee came into existence ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Subsequent to the orders passed by Government in regard to taking up the work in one of the valleys as an experimental measure. That is, about ten days back.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is it the answer of the Government that there was no Health Standing Committee before the new Committee was constituted ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—There was a committee but not the Health Standing Committee you are referring to. It was a different committee which was in existence. Even the Krishnarajasagara Committee, which is the parent body, was also consulted and it is on the recommendation of that Committee that the Government have decided that the restoration of tanks in any one of the valleys may be taken up as an experimental measure.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know the opinion of the standing Committee in respect of the restoration of the tank ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The question of tank does not arise. The question of taking up the restoration of breached tanks was under consideration and not of a particular tank.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know whether even in respect of that valley whether the Health Standing Committee gave opinion favourably or not ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—The majority opinion of the K.R.S. Committee is more important and not the opinion of the individual or individuals.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is it not the technical opinion of the Department of Public Health ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—As I already pointed out, the Krishnarajasagara Committee which is the parent body recommended that this may be considered and accordingly Government has passed the order that as an experimental measure it may be taken up in any one of the valleys.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know when it was resolved by the K.R.S. Committee that the tanks in one or two valleys may be restored ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Some time during December 1953.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know whether those tanks in that valley were breached on account of the recommendations of the Department of Public Health ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It was on the recommendation of the Malarial Committee that action was taken in that regard.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know what are the reasons that weighed with the Government to over-rule that opinion at this stage ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—It is not at this stage it was decided. It was decided as far back as 1953 when the K.R.S. Committee recommended that as a temporary measure and as an experimental measure some tanks may be restored.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know whether the Government have any reasons to state that by restoring all these tanks malaria can be prevented ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Government have never said that by restoring the tanks, malaria can be prevented.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.— What are the alternative methods adopted to prevent malaria ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— The Committee has only stated that as an experimental measure one or two tanks may be tried and if the experiment shows that we can prevent malaria, we can restore all the tanks without detriment to the public health.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.— Are the Government risking the Government money on experiments ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— We are not risking the money on experimental measures, but for valid reasons Government have taken those decisions.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಕೆರೆಗಳನ್ನು ಜೀರ್ಣೋದ್ಧಾರಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ, ಆಗಾಗ್ಗೆ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಸಾರಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜ ಸಾಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರು ಒಣಗಿಹೋಗುತ್ತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಅಂಥ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಉಂಟಾಗುವ ತೊಂದರೆಯನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸುವುದು ಅಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಜೀರ್ಣೋದ್ಧಾರ ಮಾಡಿ, ಮಳೆಗಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ನೀರು ಬಂದಾಗ ನಣ್ಣ ತೂಬನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಆ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ತಂಪು ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲವಾಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾರ್ಥವಾಗಿಯಲ್ಲವೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— I cannot tell you off hand, the several reasons that weighed with the Committee for making such a recommendation. I think, after having considered all the aspects of the question, Government have felt it desirable to accept the recommendations of the K.R.S. Committee. That may be tried as an experiment in one or two belts.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಹೀಗೆ ಜೀರ್ಣೋದ್ಧಾರ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಖರ್ಚುಮಾಡುವುದಾದರೂ ನಣ್ಣ ತೂಬು ಇಟ್ಟು ಬೇಕಾದಾಗ ಕೆರೆಯಿಂದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಟ್ಟು ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಅನುಕೂಲ ಮಾಡುವುದಾದರೆ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಣ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಅಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Of course that is a matter of opinion. We can come to some conclusion only after the experiment is tried.

Village Reserve Belts in V.C. Area

Q.—181. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they have decided to restore all the breached tanks in V.C. area ;

(*b*) the reason for not relaxing the village reserve belts in V.C. area where water is supplied only for monsoon paddy ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The matter is being examined by the Health Standing Committee of the Visvesvaraya Canal Area Board.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.— May I know whether the village reserve belts system is in vogue in any other irrigated areas of the State other than the V.C. area ?

*Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Generally not ; but in some cases there might have been such a system.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.— May I know whether this village reserve belts system is applicable only to the V. C. area ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— Even in certain other areas where there are very bad cases, there has been certain amount of reservation of the village belt.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the water supply is only for monsoon paddy and not for other irrigated areas where there is such village reserve ?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA—In some parts there is no belt.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.— If that is the case, why not the Government take steps to relax this village reserve belt in the V. C. area where water supply is only for monsoon paddy ?